

# Arkansas To Study Membership Rule

FORT SMITH, Ark. (BP)—The Arkansas Baptist State Convention sidestepped a thorny doctrinal question here, voting to appoint a committee to study the convention's policy regarding membership of churches that accept the baptism of other denominations.

The committee study was recommended by the chairman of two committees which have been grappling with the problems precipitated last year when the convention voted to "withdraw fellowship" from four churches because they practice "alien immersion" or "open communion."

## Tom Douglas Is Reassigned To SS Department

Rev. Tom Douglas, for the past five years assemblies manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,



MR. DOUGLAS

has been reassigned as an associate in the Sunday School Department of the board and has already begun his new work.

In making the announcement Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the board, said, "We are happy that Tom Douglas can join Bryant Cummings and his associates in the Sunday School Department where he will give leadership and promotion to the Youth Division."

"His years of experience as manager of our Gulfshore Assembly until its recent destruction by Hurricane Camille and his ministry there to hundreds of young people and their leaders afford him excellent training for leadership in this new capacity."

"Although we have suffered a severe blow in the loss of our Assembly, we are fortunate to be able to utilize the assistance of this skilled leader in another phase of our work."

Mr. Douglas came to the board in 1959 from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Pontotoc.

He served as an associate in the Sunday School Department until 1964 when he was made assemblies manager.

A native of Meridian, Mr. Douglas received his education at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He and Mrs. Douglas have two children, Denny, a student at Houston Baptist College, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Preston Paul of Denver, Colo. Mr. Paul is a lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

Regarding the reestablishment of the Assembly, Dr. Hudgins said: "At the present time no one knows. A special committee, appointed by the Convention Board at the instruction of last month's Convention, is to make a thorough study of the matter and report to next year's session."

"If we were to assume that we would rebuild an Assembly facility, and if the Convention should agree upon a location, it probably will be at least two years before we could resume our work in that area. The committee is going to give full consideration to all suggestions made in regard to this matter. These men need our prayers for wisdom and guidance."



## Missionaries Attend Orientation Meeting

Missionaries from every part of the state attended the orientation and fellowship meeting held at Camp Garaywa, Dec. 2-5. Several engaged in discussion, from left, standing: Rev. James Moore, Alcorn; Rev. W. C. Blanton, Warren, and Dr. Foy Rogers, director of Cooperative Missions Department, sponsor. Seated: Rev. Lavon Hatten, Carroll-Montgomery and Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Pontotoc.

On the motion of Dillard Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mena, Ark., the convention approved the committee study, and voted to seat all messengers to this year's convention except any from the four churches previously excluded.

Miller, chairman of the committees on credentials and reconciliation, said that purpose of the committee study would be "to clarify, specify and recommend policies regarding membership to this convention."

Miller said that only one of the four churches excluded last year had conferred with the convention's reconciliation committee, and this church indicated it would not send messengers to the Fort Smith convention.

The four churches excluded because they accepted as members persons who have been baptized by non-Baptist churches, or allow non-Baptists to partake of the Lord's Supper, are: First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark.; First Baptist Church, Malvern, Ark.; University Baptist Church, Little Rock; and Lake Village Baptist Church, Lake Village, Ark.

In other action, the Convention adopted a budget of \$2,737,229, allocating \$906,642 to world missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

Resolutions adopted by the convention expressed support for the programs and curriculum materials produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, opposed materialistic trends and commercial business operation on Sunday, and urged television and motion picture industries to reject violence, immorality and illicit sex in their productions.

Elected president of the convention was Tal Bonham, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark. The convention will meet next year in Pine Bluff, Nov. 17-19, 1970.

**New Mexico Baptists Act**  
ROSWELL, N. M. (BP)—The Baptist Convention of New Mexico turned down an amendment that would have eliminated from its fellowship any churches that in the future might accept as members persons who have been baptized by non-Baptist churches.

By a vote of 185-103, the convention

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## Foreign Board Names 36; Notes 'Remarkable' Decade Of Advance

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its final meeting of the year, marked "a remarkable decade of advance," in the words of its executive secretary.

Meeting December 4 at its headquarters in Richmond, Va., the Board commissioned 36 new overseas personnel and recorded its largest number of appointments for any year: 256, exceeding last year's record 247.

At the beginning of 1960 the Board had 1,381 missionaries under appointment in 44 countries; there are now 2,492 in 71 countries.

"Missionaries are not people who have applied for jobs," said Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary. "They are people who have felt the impres-

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## Chafin Named Evangelism Leader SBC

ATLANTA (BP) — Verifying a rumor which began over six months ago, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board confirmed the appointment of Evangelism Professor Kenneth Chafin of Louisville to lead the agency's Division of Evangelism.

Chafin, head of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, replaces C. E. Autrey, who is now teaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The board also elected three other staff members. They are:

Charles L. McCullin and Warren A. Rawles to positions in the department of Christian social ministries, and Brig. Gen. William L. Clark to direct military personnel ministries in the division of chaplaincy.

Both Rawles and McCullin currently are serving in New Orleans—McCullin as director of Baptist centers and Rawles as director of youth and family services for Home Mission Board programs there.

Chafin, a popular speaker at local, state and national Baptist meetings, has definite ideas about effective evangelism for the future.

"Evangelism must realize the context in which it is existing and working and what it's word is from God," he said. "Then it must give its best energies to bringing together secular world and God's word."

Chafin said he is convinced that Christianity is for modern man. He added, "people who are panicky about the seventies are in trouble."

Speaking of Chafin, Arthur Rutledge, the board's executive secretary, said:

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## State Couple Included

RICHMOND, Va. — Rev. and Mrs. L. Wayne Frederick of Laurel, Miss., were appointed missionaries to the French West Indies on December 4 during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. As a field evangelist, Mr. Frederick will help in the development of new Baptist churches.

Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Laurel since March, 1968, Mr. Frederick was previously pastor of Baptist churches in Guntown, Crosby, Magnolia, Sherman, Pontotoc, and Nettleton, Miss.

He received the associate of arts degree from Itawamba Junior Col-

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## Popfest Is Told To 'Take A Trip With Jesus'

By John C. Carter  
Baptist Press Staff Writer  
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (BP)—

Palm Beach County was an armed camp. Kid were getting into the Pop Festival near here with counterfeit tickets. It rained. Traffic jammed on the only highway leading into the site. The promoter's used car lot was firebombed. The governor of Florida came to gawk.

The festival chaplain held a worship service on the main stage. More than 200 youth were witnessing for Christ on the 144-acre preserve. And Jess Moody, flamboyant pastor of the First Baptist Church here, had to leave the scene to dedicate a mastodon.

Some of the usual pop festival sights, like ones seen at Woodstock, N. Y., Monterey, Calif. and Lewisville, Tex., were also evident.

There were bearded boys and braless girls. Volkswagen campers filled with marijuana smoke. Peace symbols. Bumper stickers. Cut feet, pneumonia, and bad trips. Signs featuring obscene and four-letter words.

Most of all, there was groovy, ear bustin' music.

Moody, the ebullient Baptist pastor here, led an enthusiastic contingent of 200 youth out to the festival grounds for a witnessing campaign.

When Moody was away, such as the time he had to leave to supervise a ceremony at Palm Beach Atlantic College dedicating a collection of fossils, the operation was led by Fenton Moorhead, an associate in Moody's church who carried the label, "minister to the 'generation gap.'"



## S.S. Superintendents' Retreat Held At Camp Garaywa

A Retreat for Sunday School superintendents was held at Camp Garaywa, Dec. 5-6. Several leaders present are seen, from left: Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, pastor Bay Springs Church; Bryant Cummings, director Sunday School Department, sponsor; Dr. D. Lewis White, consultant; Chester Vaughn, consul-

tant, both of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Harold Blakeney, superintendent of Sunday School, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and Willie Hatfield, superintendent, Gaston Church, Prentiss Association. Sunday School Superintendents were present from every part of the state.

## Enrollment At 55 Baptist Colleges Increases 2½%

NASHVILLE (BP) — Fall enrollments at 55 junior and senior colleges and universities affiliated with Southern Baptist state conventions increased by about 2½ per cent over last fall's enrollments.

A statistical report listing enrollments at the 55 colleges and universities prepared by the Southern Baptist Educational Commission disclosed that fall enrollments this year exceeded last year's totals by 1,353 students.

Total (net) enrollments at the 55 colleges and universities this fall was reported at 67,272, compared to 65,919 last fall.

The 41 senior colleges and universities reported enrollments of regular full-time students as 57,286, an increase of 2,064 over the fall enrollments for the 41 senior colleges of 1968.

The 14 junior colleges reported enrollments totalling 9,986 this fall, compared to 9,697 last fall. Junior college enrollments increased by 289 students.

In addition to the 55 junior and senior colleges, the Southern Baptist Educational Commission also reported enrollment increases at seven Baptist academies, and four Baptist Bible schools.

Enrollments at the seven academies totalled 2,578, up 88 students from last fall's 2,490 enrollment; and 623

at the four Bible schools, up 18 over last fall's 605 students.

Of the 41 senior colleges and universities, 22 schools reported increased enrollments, and 18 reported decreases. One school had the same enrollment as last fall.

Biggest numerical increase in enrollment came at the nation's largest Baptist school, Baylor University in Waco, Tex., with 7,085 students, an increase of 383 over last fall.

Biggest percentage of increase came at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Fla., an institution owned by the Palm-Lake Baptist Association, which nearly doubled its enrollment from 88 to 172 students.

Other senior colleges reporting enrollment increases were Atlanta Baptist College, Baptist College at Charleston, S. C.; Cumberland College, in Williamsburg, Ky.; Dallas Baptist

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## SBC Seminary Enrollment Remains At 1969 Level

NASHVILLE (BP) — Fall enrollments at the six Southern Baptist Convention-owned theological seminaries stayed at virtually the same level it was one year ago, a report prepared by the Southern Baptist Educational Commission disclosed here.

Enrollment of regular full-time students at the six accredited seminaries was three students more during the fall of 1969 than it was one year earlier.

Net enrollment of regular full-time

students at the six seminaries was 4,578 this fall, compared to 4,575 in the fall of 1968, the Southern Baptist Educational Commission reported.

All but the two largest seminaries reported slight decreases in fall enrollments.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, reported an increase of 56 students, from 1,735 to 1,791 students during the fall semester.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, the second largest seminary, listed its 1969 fall enrollment as 1,132, up 55 students from the 1,077 fall enrollment of 1968.

The increase of more than 100 students at the two largest SBC seminaries was enough to offset enrollment decreases at each of the other four accredited Southern Baptist seminaries.

The biggest decrease came at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, which reported a drop of 81 regular students. This fall, regular student enrollment was 613 compared to 694 students last fall.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., slipped into the decreasing enrollment category by only one student. Fall en-

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## SBC Mission Gifts May Meet '69 Operating Budget

NASHVILLE (BP) — Despite a slight decrease in world missions contributions during the month of November, gifts through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget for 11 months of 1969 have increased five per cent over 1968 gifts.

SBC officials here said that if contributions for December increase by this same five per cent, the denomination will meet its operating budget for 1969 and pay off the capital needs allocations unmet during 1968.

During the first 11 months of the year, Cooperative Program gifts have totalled \$25,261,532 an increase of \$1.2 million or 5.04 per cent over contributions for the same period last year.

In order to meet the operating budget for the convention and provide the funds for capital needs unmet during 1968, contributions during the month of December would have to reach \$2,021,997.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee which prepares the monthly financial report on SBC world mission gifts, said the denomination probably would reach the 1969 operating budget and 1968 capital needs without too much difficulty.

Williams, however, was less optimistic about contributions increasing enough in December to meet 1969 capital needs as well as the operating

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1969 GOAL

## Enrollment Up 2½%

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College: Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.; Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz.; Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.; Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; Mobile College, Mobile, Ala.; Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.; Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.; and William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Junior colleges reporting enrollment increases were Anderson College, Anderson, S. C.; Averett College, Danville, Va.; Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss.; Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C.; Norman College, Norman Park, Ga.; Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; and Wingate College, Wingate, N. C.

The enrollment statistics were based on reports from the registrars at each of the Baptist schools, sent to the Southern Baptist Education Commission which compiles the reports annually.

## Foreign Board ---

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sion of God's spirit... and have responded because of what they believe in God's will for their lives."

Calling the 1960s also "a decade of evangelism," Cuthen pointed out that Baptists in many parts of the world have enjoyed "outstanding advances." He pinpointed "remarkable expansion in the use of radio and television" as one of the highlights of the decade, and he underlined the strengthening of Baptist work in publications, education, medicine, agriculture, and benevolent ministries.

"This is no time to rest upon our yesterdays," Cuthen told the Board. "Every blessing we have received becomes a summons to a larger commitment that we may do the will of God and sound the message of redemption to all mankind."

After two decades of atheistic communism in China the faith and hope of Christians there is not dead, according to an article in a Hong Kong newspaper that was read to the Board by James D. Belote, secretary for East Asia.

In spite of government-permitted purges of Christians as part of the "cultural revolution" in China, and the closing of all church buildings there, cell-groups of eight to 10 Christians meet clandestinely in villages and towns all over China, the article says.

Bibles are so scarce in China that copies become the focal point of the cell-groups and are hidden when not in use. The article goes on to say that radio stations in East Asia are broadcasting the Scriptures into China at dictation speed so that Christian listeners can transcribe them.

## New Student Home At BBI

GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA — Baptist Bible Institute has received three cash gifts totaling \$9,500 to go toward a new brick student home, according to the president, Dr. James E. Southard.

## State Couple Appointed Missionaries

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lege, Fulton, Miss., the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the bachelor of divinity and master of religious education degrees from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Born near Shannon, Miss., Wayne Frederick at the age of 12 saw his father ordained a minister of the gospel. He told the Foreign Mission Board that a member of his father's congregation who was an emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to China, the late Miss Pearl Caldwell, "overwhelmed" him with her "spiritual sensitivity and dedication."

As a college freshman with plans for a career in business, Mr. Frederick attended a student conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly and registered his decision to pursue a church-related vocation. He was ordained later by the Friendship Baptist Church in Ecorse, Miss.

Wayne Frederick and Florence Blush met at Mississippi College where both were students. Married five days after she was graduated with the bachelor of arts degree, they set up housekeeping in a mobile home on the New Orleans Seminary campus.

Mrs. Frederick, born in New Orleans, lived there seven years before her family moved to Edwards, Miss. She told the Board that her family encouraged her to accept responsibility in church. Participation in Girls' Auxiliary (Baptist mission organization), she added, influenced her de-

REV. AND MRS. L. WAYNE FREDERICK OF Laurel were among 36 persons assigned to overseas posts December 4 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.



HEAVY RAINS on the first day turned this area near the main stage into a quagmire. This situation almost prompted county health authorities to order a halt to the giant music marathon. "You don't mind the cold and the mud so bad when you're high," one bystander commented. — (P) Photo by John Carter



ONE OUT OF TWO AIN'T BAD and pop festival witnessing is hard work. Arthur Blessitt, who became the official pop festival chaplain, finds a young man willing to listen, but his girl friend obviously wasn't interested. (BP) Photo by John Carter

## WANT TO HELP A GOOD CAUSE?

### HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

The Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee is sponsoring the purchase of 40 suits of clothes for the Baptist pastors in the Montana Baptist Fellowship.

Cooper Walton, Jackson, committee chairman, said that the plan is for the suits to be Christmas presents and be delivered by Christmas Day.

Each suit costs \$75.00 and those wishing to either provide a suit or make a partial contribution of any amount toward a suit are asked to send their remittance at once to Mr. Walton at 316 Robin Hood Road, Jackson, Miss.

The chairman asked that all checks or other remittances be made out to the Pioneer Missions Committee, designated "for Montana Pastors' Suits."

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defeated a constitution change offered from the floor asking that "no church be recognized as a cooperative church by the convention which practices members on the basis of their baptism by other than a Baptist church."

The amendment was suggested by Frank Wheeler, superintendent of missions for the Mountain Valley Baptist Association, with offices in Alamogordo, N. M.

During debate on the amendment, opposition was voiced on the grounds that the action would be an infringement upon the autonomy of the local church, and that doctrinal matters of this nature should rest in the hands of the local congregation.

A convention official pointed out that at the present, no Southern Baptist church in New Mexico is known to have policies approving of "alien immersion."

In other action, the convention adopted a 1970 budget of \$626,168, a decrease of \$34,067 from the 1969 budget.

According to the convention's State Mission Board president, Bernard Dougherty of Santa Fe, N. M., the reduction was the result of what he termed a more realistic look at the financial picture of the convention and the churches' income.

The 1970 budget will also include \$97,070 in "preferred items" which must be paid before all other funds are distributed on the formula basis of 77 per cent to state missions causes and 23 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.



## Right To Dissent, Nixon Support Voiced In D.C.

WASHINGTON (BP)—The District of Columbia Baptist Convention meeting here adopted resolutions on churches and taxation, the right of peaceful dissent, support of the President's "Intention" in Vietnam, drug abuse, juvenile rehabilitation and sex education in the schools.

A motion from the floor challenging the convention to change its name to the Baptist Convention of Greater Washington and to invite other Baptist churches in the metropolitan area to join was referred to a long-range study committee.

The convention, which is dually aligned with both the Southern and The American Baptists Conventions, was held in the Upper Room Baptist Church, marking the first time the convention has met in a predominantly Negro church. Upper Room Baptist, third largest in the convention, is one of two predominantly black churches affiliated with the D. C. Con-

## Popfest ---

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health officials and ultimately Florida Governor Claude Kirk, prospects were gloomy as the grey overcast above.

But Blessitt and his team, along with members of Campus Crusade for Christ and students from Palm Beach Atlantic College pitched in and directed traffic, acted as volunteer security personnel, answered phones, gave directions and helped make the popfest a reality.

"Rupp has really caught it from all sides," Moody explained. "His used car lot was burned, and it was obviously a case of arson. And several elements in this town have worked against him, trying to make this festival fail."

"But we from the church would like to be mediators in this thing—I believe that this is one of the key roles a church can perform in a community," Moody said.

The Palm Beach pastor also commented, "The reason we are interested in making this thing go is that the pop festival phenomenon is providing Christians with the greatest audience for witnessing in our time."

"These are people that we could never get inside a church, but they are very receptive to us here. No one is being turned off. They take our tracts and they are keeping them, not throwing them away," Moody observed.

There were some discouraging words, such as the young man who termed the gospel tent "an invasion of privacy." But there was also the young girl, whose eyes were liquid with tears as she testified, "I took Christ into my life earlier, but it's so hard... I drifted off... I came in here tonight and I put it all back together."

She was later seen handing out gospel tracts to passersby.

It is hard to assess the impact of Blessitt's messages on stage. Between the driving, hard-rock sounds of the Rolling Stones, Jefferson Airplane, Steppenwolf, Janis Joplin and Johnny Winter, Blessitt testified before the thousands of hippies, college and high school students, begging them to "take a trip with Jesus."

His work was given an unexpected lift when Glen Schwartz, lead guitarist for a group dubbed, "Pacific Gas and Electric Company," told the multitude of "the revolution that took place in me when I was saved through Jesus Christ," at Blessitt's California coffee house last year. He then called the 29-year old evangelist out to join him on the stage.

The young men and women worked constantly, many slept only one or two hours. One said: "We can sleep later. Right now the fields are white unto harvest. We're here because we felt that Christ would be here."

"He wouldn't condone what is here, the drugs, sex and general atmosphere of amorality, but he would be here," said a young ministerial student.



ANOTHER BAD TRIP case is brought to the medical trailer. There were scattered instances of drug overdose and young people taking LSD without their knowledge (some resulted from accepting a drink of water from a stranger) throughout the three days. Many of the medical workers were volunteers who had served at previous rock gatherings. (BP) Photo by John Carter

## SBC Mission Gifts ---

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budget and 1968 unmet capital needs. To do so would require December gifts of \$2.8 million, or an increase of more than 10 per cent.

Throughout most of 1969, contributions have been about five per cent more each month than they were for the corresponding month in 1968, Williams said.

During November, however, a slight decrease was noted. November, 1969 contributions were \$2,303,909, down \$15,447 or less than one per cent compared to November, 1968 gifts.

The Cooperative Program unified budget provides operating and capital needs for 19 different agencies, institutions, and organizations of the nation's largest Protestant denomination. Capital needs not provided this year will be held over until 1970.

In addition to the \$25.2 million in Cooperative Program gifts, Southern Baptists have contributed so far during 1969 an additional \$22,059,960 to specific designated world mission causes through special offerings, mostly to home and foreign missions.

The combined grand total of \$47.3 million in Cooperative Program and designated gifts is an increase of more than \$2½ million over such contributions in 1968. This is an increase of 4.64 per cent.

Designated gifts for 1969 have increased \$885,901 or 4.18 per cent over the 1968 designations.

adopting a resolution that also deplored the loss of human life in the war.

The resolution also pledged Baptist prayers for the President and other leaders, and expressed appreciation for the military services seeking to preserve American heritage and opportunities.

## Indiana Adopts Resolution

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (BP) — Two resolutions dealing with sex education, and asking Southern Baptist leaders to sign a doctrinal pledge, prompted strong debate at the 11th annual session of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana here.

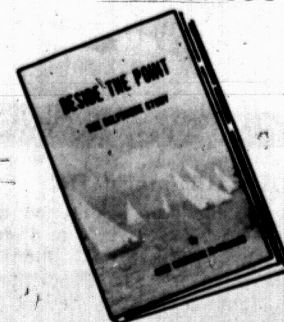
In both cases, the convention adopted substitute motions approving almost verbatim resolutions adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans last June.

The convention also voted to follow the SBC procedure in handling resolutions submitted from the floor, adopting four new bylaw requirements which automatically refer all resolutions to the resolutions committee where they will be considered and then reported back to the full convention.

## Ohio Convention Refers Realignment for Study

CINCINNATI, Ohio (BP) — The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio voted here to refer for further study a previous action by the convention's Board of Directors concerning realignment of two convention staff members' responsibilities.

## GET A SOUVENIR OF GULFPORT



The book, *Beside The Point*, by Anne Washburn McWilliams, is the story of the establishment of Gulfshore as the Mississippi Baptist Assembly. This book is now on SPECIAL SALE for 50¢ per copy as long as the supply lasts at the Baptist Book Store, P. O. Box 527, Jackson, Miss. 39205.



## Gilfoy Dorm Being Renovated As State's Only Self-Care Unit

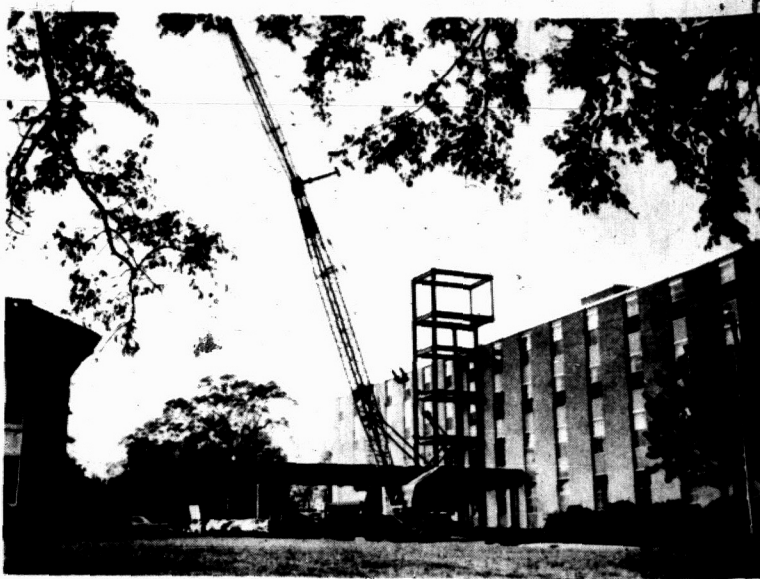
The four-floor dormitory of the Gilfoy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital is being renovated into a self-care unit — the only such unit in the state.

The building is becoming available for a different use as the Gilfoy School phases out, to be replaced by the nursing school at Mississippi College. The students are moving out of the building gradually and will be completely out by 1971.

Work has already begun on the dormitory (just across the street from Baptist Hospital). Plans call for the facility to open in June with 75 patients being accommodated. Another 25 would be added in May, 1971, as the fourth floor is put into service.

"The per-day cost is less for a patient in a self-care unit," said Paul J. Pryor, administrator of Baptist Hospital, "since he takes care of himself to some extent. At the same time, the self-care unit frees higher-cost hospital rooms for sicker patients."

"Patients in the self-care unit would include those able to walk, to bathe themselves, and to go to the dining room for meals. Also included would be patients able to go to the proper nurses station for special medications at the proper time and to perform other forms of self care which could not be performed by a patient who is sicker and weaker."



"The unit also can be used for patients undergoing diagnosis. They must be in or near a hospital, but they do not necessarily have to be put into a bed. The self-care unit also would care for patients hospitalized for several days preparatory to surgery; patients who must remain in a hospital several days after surgery; patients receiving guidance, instruction and observation; patients getting supervision during drug therapy, radiation therapy or physical therapy; patients undergoing dietary adjustments; and psychiatric patients who require care away from the home environment but who are adjusted well enough to fit appropriately into a group."

Dr. John F. Busey, director of medical education for the hospital, made this comment:

"Baptist Hospital is under a near-constant demand to have a sufficient

number of beds available to care for all kinds of patients requiring hospitalization. The objective in establishing a minimal-care unit is to make more beds available within the hospital by units caring for selected patients capable of a considerable degree of self care. There are numerous categories of hospital patients requiring hospitalization who - for at least part of the time - may be adequately cared for in a minimal-care unit.

"No patient requiring a significant degree of nursing care would be eligible for the self-care unit, but there are many patients hospitalized for various diagnostic procedures who could be cared for in a self-care unit and at less cost. Many patients admitted for surgical procedures often require a few days of hospitalization preparatory to the surgery. That time, in some instances, could be in the minimal care unit. Part of a post-operation period often could be best spent in such a unit."

"The unit would be a real convenience to out-of-town patients who come for diagnostic studies. Patients receiving cobalt treatments or physical therapy will, in many instances, be well-suited for care in this unit."

## Seminary Enrollment Remains Level

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rollment this year was 202, compared to 203 students last year.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., dropped 12 students, from an enrollment of 582 students last fall to 570 students this fall.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., reported 14 students less this fall than last, dropping from 284 last year to 270 this fall.

In addition to the reports from the six accredited theological seminaries, the SBC Education Commission also reported a slight decrease in regular enrollment at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, a school jointly sponsored by the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Enrollment at the American Baptist Seminary and Bible College decreased by five students this fall, with

80 students last year and a current enrollment of 75.

American Seminary led all the others in the number of extension, non-credit, and correspondence classes, with 942 students enrolled in such courses.

In their enrollment reports, only three other seminaries listed students in the extension, non-credit, and correspondence categories.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, reported 111 students in these categories, bringing their total enrollment to 1,243. Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, reported 35 such students, with a total enrollment of 237. Golden Gate Seminary reported nine such students, with 279 as their total enrollment.

The statistics were based on official enrollment reports from the registrars at the seminaries, as filed with the Southern Baptist Education Commission here, which compiles the annual report.

## Two From Mississippi Participated In Canadian Crusade

Moncton, New Brunswick  
By Lucius B. Marion, Jr., Pastor  
Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale

In response to an appeal by the Home Mission Board, some fifty ministers and singers from the Southern Baptist Convention participated in The Crusade of the Americas in the Maritime area of Canada. Harry W. Thompson, Minister of Music of First Church, Brookhaven, and I were the only men from Mississippi in the Crusade, November 2-9.

The Maritime area of Canada consists of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. Baptists in this area are known as The United Baptists. Dr. George McNeil, pastor of the First United Baptist Church of Moncton in New Brunswick is President of the Convention. It was my privilege to be assigned to this church in Moncton for the entire week.

The First United Baptist Church of

Moncton has a lovely auditorium that seats twelve hundred persons. Their music program is magnificent. The pastor, Dr. McNeil, is a gifted musician, an able leader. In this church, as is customary in Canada, they are unaccustomed to evangelistic invitations and public professions of faith. According to Southern Baptist tradition, the services are rather staid and formal. God gave us an increase of twenty public professions of faith and over one hundred public rededications in the First United Baptist Church of Moncton.

No report has come to me of the overall results of The Crusade in Canada, but it is my impression that at least some of the revivals were highly successful.

I am grateful to the Lord and the members of my church in Clarksdale who made this opportunity of service possible.

Sackville, New Brunswick  
By Harry W. Thompson,  
Minister of Music, First, Brookhaven

Approximately one hundred Southern Baptist pastors and ministers of music participated in simultaneous "Crusade of the Americas" revivals November 2-9 in the Canadian Maritime provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. Southern Baptist participation in the Canadian revivals was brought about through the cooperative efforts of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Atlantic Baptist Federation of Canada.

It was my privilege to serve the Main Street Baptist Church of Sackville, New Brunswick, in the Crusade. Baptist work in Canada was begun at this point in 1763. It has grown through the years, and today has a resident membership of over 600. It is a church rich in history, strong in its program, but needing added stimulus in its evangelistic outreach.

Dr. Walter Fox, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Lafayette, Louisiana, was the evangelist. Dr. Fox has a very warm, conversational, and convincing style of presenting the Gospel message which soon won its way to the hearts of the people. We felt for the first two or three days the people didn't know what to expect from us, but as attendance continued to grow, so did their realization that we were out of concern; a concern that was shared by our churches back in Mississippi and Louisiana. By the end of the week, over forty people had responded to the invitation to follow Christ or to rededicate themselves to His service. The majority of this number came publicly professing their new-found faith in Christ.

The week for me was filled with visitation, prayer meetings, home fellowship gatherings, choir rehearsals, some sight seeing, a Sunday sermon at Wood Point Baptist Church, speaking to the youth Sunday School classes, the Brotherhood, and directing music in the worship services. I was a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Hirtle, Billy and Wanda. I am sure a more gracious home would be hard to find anywhere.

Two other highlights of the week included a fellowship luncheon with a large number of Canadian pastors and the Area Crusade Rally, November 8, in Moncton, New Brunswick. Rev. L. H. Reid, pastor of Glen Allen, Virginia, spoke to a gathering of over 1400 in the high school auditorium. Many decisions were recorded. Rev. David Garner, the Canadian Crusade coordinator, presided. Music was provided by the Southern Baptist musicians and a massed choir representing many churches.

To have the opportunity of fellowship with our Baptist friends across the border was an inspiration in itself. We found immediate friends waiting us there through "the tie that binds." The people were most hospitable and deeply grateful for our efforts and appreciative to our churches and the Southern Baptist Convention in general for making this endeavor possible.

## Men And Boys Of First Church, New Albany Build Camp Cabins, Organize Sunday School

The men and boys of First Church, New Albany, have been applying the scripture, "Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it with thy might," states the pastor, Rev. William F. Evans.

After the church bought a lot (for parking space,) which contained a large house that had to be torn down, the men and boys set to work to accomplish the task.

Then they started building a Scout

Hut. Dozens of men and boys took the old material from the house and built a Scout Hut valued at \$3,500.

Then an idea came to use the extra

material to build cabins on the 50 acres of land given by M. W. Armstrong. The camp already had a clubhouse, an outside worship area,

and a lake. Four cabins are being erected that can accommodate 50 people for sleeping.

This was not enough. The men then decided to start a neighborhood Sunday school in a much needed area. Sixteen men took a census one week and two weeks later visited every home in the area, inviting the people to Sunday school. The first Sunday school.

## State T. U. Department Offers Program Assistance To Church

The Mississippi Training Union Department is now offering assistance to adults in Training Union who have expressed dissatisfaction with the material in their quarterlies. This week, pastors and Training Union directors received by mail two pamphlets entitled "Unit Selection for Adults" and another entitled "Special Study Units for Adults." The purpose of these is to help adult unions avoid materials which they do not want to study and be more certain that they will study materials which best appeal to their particular interests and needs.

The pamphlet, "Unit Selection for Adults," does four things. It explains the different types of units from which adults may select. It reviews all the units that will be available for adults in the coming quarter. It gives simple directions that the members of a union may follow to look at all the units that will be available and then select the ones they want to study. It explains how to see that the correct material is ordered (including any flip charts, poster sets, or other learning aids that will be needed).

Each issue of "Unit Selection for Adults" can be used only one time. Each quarter a union should secure the issue prepared for that quarter. The issue for use during October-November-December and the issue for use during January-February-March are the two which pastors and Training Union directors received this week. The first issue (blue) should be used as soon as possible, but not later than December 31st, to select the units to be studied during January-February-March. Use the second issue (yellow) in January to select units for April-May-June.

The pamphlet "Special Study Units for Adults" explains the units which are published separately from the materials in the quarterlies and can be ordered for study at any time. In this pamphlet adults will find a summary of each special study unit, instructions for ordering it, a list of learning aids which may be ordered to help in the study of some of the units, and notations indicating the length of time each unit can be studied.

Additional copies of these materials can be obtained free of charge by requesting them from the State Training Union Department.

## Chafin Named ---

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"We believe that Chafin, coming with a background of extensive involvement in evangelism, will bring to this position genuine commitment and a sensitivity to the contemporary situation which will enable him to provide dynamic leadership."

A native of Oklahoma, Chafin graduated from the University of New Mexico and holds two degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He taught in Southwestern's evangelism department before going to Southern Seminary. Chafin has been pastor of churches in Texas and New Mexico.

McCullin, Rawles, and Clark are graduates of New Orleans Seminary. McCullin, a Louisiana native is former pastor of Brookstown Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La.

Clark is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and has been Bible instructor at Jones County Junior College and is a veteran of the Korean War.

## Baylor To Celebrate 125th Anniversary

WACO — Baylor University, Texas' oldest institution of higher learning in continuous operation since the days of the Republic, will observe its 125th anniversary during the 1969-70 school year.

Before the year is out, a host of state and national leaders in various fields are expected to take part in commemorating the school's growth from a one-teacher, two-room frame building school for 24 students in 1845 to the present multi-campus university with more than 7,000 students.

Baylor's 10th president, Abner V. McCall, has written parents of Baylor students inviting them to participate in the anniversary celebration and hopes to see more than the usual number of campus visitors during the year.

The week of Feb. 22-28 has been set aside to particularly highlight the observance.

It was on Feb. 1, 1845, at Washington-on-the-Brazos that the last Republic of Texas Congress approved a resolution chartering Baylor at Independence.

## Howard (Buddy) Beam To Be Ordained

Howard "Buddy" Beam, son of Rev. Bill Beam, pastor of Grandview Church in Rankin County, and Mrs. Beam, will be ordained to the Gospel ministry at the church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14 at 3:00 o'clock.

Rev. Allen Stephens of Braxton will give the charge to the candidate, Rev. Bill Duncan of Brandon will deliver the charge to the church and Dr. Luther Dorr of Florence will preach the sermon.

The candidate is a junior at Mississippi College and is associate pastor of the Grandview Church.

The modern conscience is made with a lever to throw it out of gear.

## Wm. H. Pitt, Sr., SBC Leader, Dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rev. William H. Pitt, Sr., long-time official of the Southern Baptist Convention here, died in his car near Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 5 after a heart attack.

Pitt was director of endowment and capital giving service for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission. He had been leading a fund campaign for the First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge and the Louisiana Highway Patrol said he apparently suffered the attack while en route back to Nashville.

A funeral service was held at the new chapel of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Board here on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7 with Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Dr. Merrill D. Moore, executive director of the Stewardship Commission, conducting the services.

The family has requested no flowers, preferring that friends who desire make contribution to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Mrs. Pitt's address is: 2640 Woodberry Drive, Donelson, Tennessee 37214.

## Clergy Permits Still Available



Clergy Permits for use on the Southern Association of Railroads are still available. Application forms may be obtained by writing to Porter Routh, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.


## TRAINING UNION LEADERSHIP CONVENTION



### and MISSISSIPPI YOUTH CONVENTION

Jackson, Mississippi

Broadmoor Baptist Church — December 29-30, 1969

Youth	Joint Program	Leadership
		
RON WILLIS Pastor Golden Gate Baptist Church Oakland, California	PHILIP B. HARRIS Secretary Church Training Department Baptist Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	
Monday Afternoon 2:00 p. m.	Monday Evening 7:00 p. m.	
Assemble in Auditorium Youth Choir Congregational Singing Prayer Youth Choir Welcome Announcements Solo Message	Congregational Singing Prayer Youth Choir Youth Speaks (Symposium) Youth Choir Drama	Training Union Improvement Conferences
3:10 p. m. Recreational Feature Announcements Hymn Youth Conference Ensemble Drama Conferences Adjourn (5:00 p. m.)	8:10 p. m. Recreation Feature Congregational Singing Solo Message Adjourn (9:00 p. m.)	Adjourn (5:00 p. m.)
5:15 to 6:30 Coffee House with food and performing groups in Fellowship Hall . . . recreational facilities open.	9:00 to 12:00 Recreational facilities of church open for bowling, skating, and game room activities.	

	
JOHN BEWLEY Minister of Activities Broadmoor Baptist Church Jackson	KURT KAISER Director of Music Word Records Waco, Texas
Tuesday Morning 9:30 a. m.	Tuesday Afternoon 2:00 p. m.
Congregational Singing Prayer Youth Choir Theme Interpretation Youth Choir Film Recreation Feature Announcements Congregational Singing Solo Message Adjourn (11:45 a. m.)	Congregational Singing Announcements Prayer Solo Message Coffee Break Training Union Improvement Conferences Adjourn (11:45 a. m.)
Tuesday Evening 7:00 p. m.	Tuesday Afternoon 2:00 p. m.
Congregational Singing Prayer Youth Choir Theme Interpretation Youth Speaks (Symposium) Youth Conference Ensemble Drama Break Conferences Adjourn (4:45 p. m.)	Youth Conference Ensemble "Countdown 1970" Announcements Hymn Solo Message Coffee Break Training Union Improvement Conferences Adjourn (4:45 p. m.)
5:00 to 6:30 Coffee House with food and performing groups in Fellowship Hall . . . recreational facilities open.	

	
DAVID LARRIMORE Minister of Music Calvary Baptist Church Tupelo	VERN TAYLOR Minister of Music First Baptist Church Lumbert
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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### Billy Graham

Men major on methods, but God majors on men.

It seems that in every generation, God raises up men for the hour, and sometimes their ministry extends for a quarter or even half a century.

It would be impossible to attempt to name all of the men whom God has used in Christian history, or even in recent years, but a quick thought over the past century reveals some unforgettable names.

In the last half of the 19th century, God raised up Spurgeon in England and Moody in the United States. There were other spiritual giants, but none could compare with these. Think of the effect they had on God's work in that period.

In the first half of this century we find that the leaders were men like Billy Sunday, R. A. Torrey, and George W. Truett. American history, and even world history, as far as God's work is concerned, were changed because of these men.

As we come to the third quarter of this century, two men stand out, at least from a Baptist point of view, W. A. Criswell and Billy Graham. Interestingly, both of these men not only are Baptists, but the former is pastor of the latter, at First Church, Dallas. Moreover, while one is a pastor and the other is an evangelist, they both preach the same gospel, and both accept the Bible as the inspired, infallible, Word of God.

However, as we consider all Christian groups, and the world itself, we must place Billy Graham in a place by himself, as God's man for this third quarter of the 20th century. No man has proclaimed the gospel to more people at any time in history, and no man has had a mightier Christian influence.

An example, and we could give so many, has been the television crusade of the past week, when for seven consecutive nights, the gospel message has gone into literally millions of homes, and only eternity will reveal how many

souls have been saved as a result.

One day last week we went into a barber shop in downtown Jackson, and heard discussion of the crusade. Almost every person in the shop, barbers, the manicurist, and the customers, had listened to Billy the night before. Probably this could have been repeated in thousands of places all across the nation.

What is the secret of such effectiveness, and such influence? It is not that Dr. Graham has some new ideas, or is making a directed appeal to modern thinking. It certainly is not that he compromises his message, or weakens it. He is preaching the same gospel that Paul and the apostles preached, and that has been proclaimed by evangelicals through the ages. He uses modern techniques for getting the witness out, but he presents the old truths which always have reached men's hearts. He is the world's greatest proof that modern Christianity does not need to change its message. While those who have changed the message often are speaking to empty pews, Billy Graham's crowds seem to grow ever larger.

What then is the secret? Surely, he is a man who has turned himself completely over to God, and God has chosen to use him as His man for this day. Without doubt he is filled with the Holy Spirit, and his work is in the power of God, and not of himself. He uses organization, plans thoroughly, and works tirelessly, but he still depends upon the Holy Spirit for power, and on the simple message of the Bible for results.

The world can thank God that He has raised up Billy Graham as "a voice in the wilderness" of this confused, sin-cursed world. Southern Baptists can thank God that he chose one of our own to be this world leader. It is a challenge to each of us to so yield ourselves to God that He may be able to use us, too, to meet the spiritual needs of this generation.

### Rebellion Against War

Many people are saying that this generation of youth has rebelled against war. This seems to be evidenced by the protest marches, and by what is being said and done by many today. We also are informed that patriotism is dead, and that this generation is not interested in defending the principles and freedoms which have made this nation great. In our opinion, these conclusions are only partially true.

There is no doubt that there is strong opposition, among both young and old, to the war in Viet Nam. We think, however, that most of this opposition stems not so much from a lack of patriotism, but from the fact that America seems to have no clear objective in the war, and is making no effort really to win it. It seems senseless to many youth, and to their parents and friends, that the finest young men of our generation should be sent to a field of battle in a far away land, when there seems to be no cause for which to fight and die and no purpose to achieve victory.

Certainly there is aversion to and hatred of war on the part of all of us, and every right thinking person wants permanent peace to come to the world, and the time to arrive when there will be no more war. Christians, however, who are familiar with their Bibles, know that the only source of permanent peace is Jesus Christ, and that it will not come until his return to the earth. There is not only no promise in the Bible that there will be lasting peace before that time, but actually the clear teaching is just the opposite—war will continue in earth until he comes. This does not mean that Christians should not pray for peace, and support government leaders as they strive for peace. We simply must keep in mind that there can be no real peace as long as sin dominates the world.

We are confident that a large majority of Americans support our president in his efforts to end the war in Viet Nam honorably; that is, without surrender, and without abandonment of the South Vietnamese people to the

merciless slavery of communism. Most people, however, do feel that if we have no intention of winning this war, we should get out of it as quickly as possible, but in an honorable manner, if possible. They are opposed to the object surrender being demanded by some.

Of course, a surrender to communism, or even a withdrawal without victory, probably means that the showdown with the communists must come elsewhere. Until, however, we have the will to win, it seems useless to continue to send men to die in the rice paddies and jungles, of another continent. We should pray for our president and other leaders that we may be able to solve this dilemma as quickly as possible.

Let us not deceive ourselves into thinking that this will bring permanent peace to the world. As long as evil men with selfish purposes remain there will continue to be conflict. And as long as the communists have the objective of conquering the world, it is certain that somewhere a confrontation will come, if there are any left who love freedom.

Those who argue that communist objectives have changed, simply are deceiving only themselves, and those who listen to them. In his message on television last Tuesday evening, Billy Graham told of being informed by a guide behind the Iron Curtain that the five points of the communist star represent the five continents they expect to conquer (the whole world), and the red represents the blood of revolution which will be necessary to achieve the conquest.

We should pray that the United States will not allow itself to become embroiled in any more wars that it has no intention of winning, and that when we must fight for the freedoms we hold dear, men will be ready to fight and die for them. We think they will.

We also should pray daily for those men who are out there fighting the battles now. Even though there may be uncertainty about this war's meaning to some, it is real to them. They are fighting for America and for us. We must support them with our love and prayers.

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### NEWEST BOOKS

**DON'T SLEEP THROUGH THE REVOLUTION** by Paul S. Rees (Word, 130 pp., \$2.95).

The jacket says, "This is a jolting book," and it is just that. The author is one of the outstanding evangelical leaders of our day. He discusses revolution now taking place in the world and the mission of the Christian in it. Here are fascinating reports from world conferences and confrontations that tell what Christ can do through missionaries and other Christian witnesses. The racial problem, human suffering, eschatology, death, war and other issues all are faced frankly and in a wonderful Christian spirit.

**TOURISTS' HANDBOOK OF BIBLE LANDS** by Guy P. Duffield (Gos-

pel Light Publications, paperback, \$1.65, 186 pp.)

Over 1000 Scripture references. Information concerning more than 550 names of places in 11 Bible countries today. Profusely illustrated.

**GOD'S CHOSEN FAST** by Arthur Wallis (Christian Literature Crusade, 119 pp., \$2.50).

An outstanding British Bible teacher and Christian leader writes a spiritual and practical guide to fasting. He discusses fasting as it is revealed in the Bible, speaks of how it has been used by some great Christians, and then discusses its use today. The author is not a faddist or fanatic, but discusses a practical Christian observance that well could be used more in our day.

### Alien Immersion

The issue of "alien immersion" was raised in several Southern Baptist state conventions this fall, and in California a committee was appointed to report next year on just what constitutes "alien immersion." It will be interesting to see what its report will say.

This is not a new issue with Southern Baptists. While it never has been made a test of fellowship by the Southern Baptist Convention, especially in the eastern seaboard sector, it appears to be a rather common practice for many of the churches to receive the immersions of other denominations. In the other sections it apparently is less common. As far as we know, few, if any, churches in Mississippi receive such baptisms.

Just what is "alien immersion," as defined by Baptists? It simply means the acceptance for membership by Baptist churches, of people who have been immersed by churches of other denominations. Evidently some churches which practice it have the policy of examining each individual case, and receiving the person only if he or she says that they were saved before being immersed.

Most Baptists who do not believe that Baptists should accept such baptisms, do so on the basis of what they believe the New Testament sets forth as the requirements for Scriptural baptism. They are convinced that at least four things are necessary for a baptism to be scriptural, and any baptism which does not meet those simply is not New Testament baptism. What are the four? They are: 1. A proper subject—a professed believer (a saved person); 2. A proper purpose—proclamation of salvation, and not procurement of it; 3. A proper mode—immersion; 4. A proper authority—a New Testament church.

When many so-called baptisms, and even immersions, are tested by these four points they simply fail to qualify as New Testament baptism. For example, one major group of denominations which practice immersion exclusively, openly avow and preach that baptism is essential for salvation, and that without it a person cannot be saved. To a Bible believing Baptist such baptisms are not scriptural for two reasons: 1. They are for the wrong purpose, and 2. they have the wrong subject. Since they say that a person is not saved until he has been baptized, they necessarily are immersing an unsaved person. The Baptist church which re-

ceives such baptisms is simply renouncing its own doctrinal position, and the clear New Testament teaching.

The area of largest disagreement among Baptists probably is on the matter of authority. Who has the authority to administer New Testament baptism? Does an individual have such authority. Most Baptists believe not, and that the authority is given only to a New Testament church.

However, even baptism under authority of a church cannot be counted as scriptural if it is not according to clear scriptural commands. This is where most churches fail, and when churches fail to meet those requirements, to be consistent, Baptist churches must reject their baptism. Few churches other than Baptists do obey all those New Testament commands concerning baptism, and now, even some Baptist churches appear to be abandoning them.

While there are several denominations which may be obedient on one or more of the New Testament requirements, one has to search far to find those, other than Baptists, who meet them all. A few years ago when a seminary professor defended receiving non-Baptist baptisms which met scriptural requirements, I asked him to name a denomination which was meeting these requirements in its baptismal practice. He named a small group in the north, which has few if any churches in the South, but failed to name a single other group.

Tragically a new attitude has begun to creep into Baptist circles. Some are saying that since baptism is not essential for salvation it is not important. This has led some churches to accept open membership, and a few to begin to accept sprinkling as baptism. Of course, this is logical if baptism is not important.

Baptism, however, is important, for it is a commandment of our Lord. His commission to the church was to make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach them to "observe all things whatsoever" he had commanded. No church, no council, nor any man, has a right to change that commission or to alter what the New Testament clearly teaches about baptism. Baptists weaken their own witness and their own position, when they accept baptisms which do not meet all New Testament requirements. It is for this reason that the majority of Baptists and Baptist churches do not accept alien immersion, and why the matter always will be an issue when some Baptist churches practice it, and teach that others should do so.



## Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

### It's His Birthday

A decade - and - a - half ago, a family in the Southwest decided upon a new type of Christmas decoration for its spacious corner lot. While not condemning the use of symbols with which the original spirit of Christmas has become encrusted—and in which it is sometimes "lost"—the four member family decided to display life-size, three-dimension figures to tell of the coming of Christ as presented in Luke 2:1-20.

From the announcement of the angels to the shepherds in the fields to the manger scene, moving from the South to the West and to the North of the spacious lawn, the spectator moved and was moved in his heart by the figures, by the plaques bearing the scripture passages, by the star-lit trees, by the quiet sacred music of Christmas hymns, and by the quiet and reverent throngs of people who were enthralled by the simple-yet-sublime telling of the old, old story of Christ's birth.

From a moderate crowd of neighbors and fellow church members on the first night to police-guided throngs for weeks thereafter, the people came—some coming nightly, many children begging to go again and again. As interest deepened and the news spread, buses brought hundreds nightly from other cities; generous friends paid bus expenses for chil-

dren to come from children's homes; ambulances brought infirm people without charge; non-Christians who had never heard the story of Christ's birth from a church pulpit came to see, hear, and feel; prodigals who had wandered far from the Christ came to see, weep, and to return to fellowship with HIM.

It shouldn't have surprised anyone that the Bible record of Christ's birth out-drew all of the elaborate non-Christ-centered displays of that city; for after all, Christmas is HIS birthday, and he himself predicted that if he were lifted up, he would draw all men unto him. When HE gets through, HE always attracts men.

How many of your Christmas plans will exalt HIM this year? You'd be surprised by what your greeting cards, letters, gifts, and parties will mean to others this year if you, too, will make sure that the reputation and spirit of that wonderful event of Luke 2:1-20 gets through!

In all of our planning for Christmas, let's keep ourselves constantly reminded: IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY, AND I DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO PREVENT HIS BIRTHDAY TO UNWORTHY USES OR ASSOCIATIONS.

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## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### It's A Strange World

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have written the following in memory of my beloved father-in-law, R. B. Patterson, Sr., who died August 10, 1969.

An anchor of life has gone with you, "Brother Pat." It was always well knowing you were there; no matter what the crisis or situation or this or that, we always felt a peace when you came—like refreshing air.

You were always giving and sharing—asking little in return, you taught us that acceptance of giving is vital too; your spirit—Christ in you—reached many who would learn, From your philosophy, to be always

kind and ever true.

You were the finest of parents—the very best of granddads, our children loved you dearly—you shared their fun. It was a delight when you visited—when you left 'twas sad; You took walks, bought ice cream cones—saw them run.

At the table you were the master of decorum and joy, as we listened to you read the Bible or heard you pray. You enlisted each child in his turn his spiritual gifts to employ, and spiced the meals with clean fun and words you would say.

Birthdays and special occasions were never forgotten by you, as you made every sacrifice to be present or to send a gift. All of us looked forward to your remembrances and thrilled anew that you knew how to honor and encourage and one's ego to lift.

We shared with you many special pleasures in your full life, and marvelled that you carefully noted events day by day; At nights before bedtime you mixed a delicious punch, taste was rife, "Granddaddy specials", the children called them, they adored your way.

You lived frugally and never received a large wage, yet you honored God and He blessed what you had; And you always abounded—had something to give away, and you were able to save to make other hearts glad.

As a preacher and teacher you were superb, always an example of all you preached to others, and souls and lives, your hire; You were steady and dedicated for over fifty years—rewards ample, as countless souls were saved, lives changed by the Holy Fire.

You loved you dearly because you were young in mind, and you shared their good times, made them feel they could; Many followed in your steps and developed a like kind of Faith and devotion as you, and for the right have stood.

Your jokes and humor were a delight to all you knew, on the streets, or travelling to meetings in the car; Your humor would refresh and release—no fret or stew, as poor mortals were "helped over the fence," though withdrawn and afar.

It's a strange world today with you gone from us; there is a deep longing to be again where you are; Yet we will go on because like your example we must, 'till one day soon we shall be together again from near and far.

Charles A. Jolly

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# Today's Youth

**"His Place" Has New Location Now  
At 8428 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood**

Rev. Arthur Blessitt, who ministers to youth on Sunset Strip in Hollywood, California, has been victorious in finding a new place to carry on the work. The following letter, written by Mr. Blessitt, tells his story:

"ARTHUR, THEY CAN'T GET YOU OUT OF THIS BUILDING FOR FIVE YEARS!"

With these words, Dear Friend, our attorney closed the lease on our new "miracle building" at 8428 on Hollywood's dazzling Sunset Strip. Now "His Place" is in the very heart of today's turned on generation — right between the Continental Hyatt House and the Playboy Club.

What's the whole story behind "His Place" location No. 3?

Well, you may remember that when "His Place" was at 8913 on the Strip, a lot of things were happening — things that made the devil and his crowd very angry with us: 10,000 young lives transformed by "tuning in" to Christ . . . 200 dope addicts, indigents, and the emotionally disturbed rehabilitated at the House of Disciples . . . 550 runaways returned to their parents . . . nearly a quarter of a million teens given food.

Finally, the enemies of Christ forced us out of our building and for a long time the whole scene looked hopeless. Only bad news. I couldn't accept what had happened. I felt impressed to do something, something different, something shocking, something that would alert the passerby to the plight of God's people on the Strip. For 28 days, I remained chained to a cross — not to draw attention to myself but to the question above my head, "Does Anyone Care?"

When I finally came off the cross, I was hopeful, optimistic, feeling that surely some owner of some building would say, "Here's my place. Make it 'His Place'."

But nobody stepped forward. The underground element was crowding us off the Strip!

Desperate, I got into my car and drove high up in the Hollywood Hills. It was a bleak, foggy Friday night. I found a secluded spot and parked my car. I peered at the Strip's multi-colored lights trying to punch holes through the fog. And suddenly, my heart felt as if it would burst with that same feeling that Jesus knew when he looked over Jerusalem—and wept!

I talked with God about my love for the people of Sunset Strip — the speed freaks, the bikers, the hook to say, "Religion just isn't my bag," ers, the dealers — empty souls searching for the ultimate.

"How can I reach them, really reach them without a building?" I asked in prayer. "We need 'His Place' so we can tell it like it is, Father. A crash pad for those kids loaded on drugs. Please God, please . . ."

Finally, when I had run out of words (and a bit of self-pity, I must admit), God spoke to my heart. Six thrilling words: "I have the place for you!"

Excited, I started the motor, turned my car around, and headed down the winding road for home.

My wife was waiting up for me. "My hangup's lifted," I told her enthusiastically. "God has a building waiting for us. I know. He told me."

Within hours, we had found 8428 Sunset Boulevard. . . signed the lease . . . and hung psychedelic lights to give the right mood to "His Place".

Isn't God good?

I wish you could stop by for a visit today. You'd be happy to see that the Kool Ade and the peanut butter sandwiches are flowing once more at

"His Place". You'd thrill to see our co-workers talking eyeball to eyeball to kids, 16, 17, 18, who started on marijuana and now are dropping acid, blowing their minds. They're quick. But many, many of them, after seeing and feeling Christian love in action, turn on with Jesus, finding in Him the ultimate trip. What rejoicing we have at "His Place" when we see someone step out of their hang ups into a new life in Christ.

Yes, the results are amazing. . . and they're increasing. So are the responsibilities. Keeping the ministry open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year is more than I can handle. I must have the prayers and the financial help of concerned Christians, like you, my friend. If each teen friend of mine would put aside 7 cents a day, 50 cents a week, and then, at the end of the month, send the total two dollars to "His Place" — it sure would help us to keep Kool Ade, sugar and sandwiches on the table for the 1000 to 1500 who come each night to have their questions answered, their ideas discussed, and to receive Christ from our witnessing and "Message at midnight".

Yours for the lost of Sunset Strip, and the world,  
Arthur Blessitt

## Nurses To Sponsor Dec. 6 Coffeehouse

The Cottage, a coffeehouse sponsored by the University of Mississippi School of Nursing Baptist Student Union, will be opened December 6 from 9 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by folk singers Randy Pople from Memphis, The Campus Life Singers, and Dave Foster from Mississippi College. The Coffeehouse is located at the BSU Center on the Millsaps campus.

## Mississippi Young People Impress Ohioans

"WE'VE NEVER SEEN YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE THOSE" — over and over we've heard this comment about the visiting youth from Highland Church, Meridian and Van Winkle Church, Jackson. One lady who lives on the corner across from the church said, "people who never spoke stopped to talk as they brought children to VBS. There has just been a different spirit around lately."

The Central Crusade was a success beyond most expectations. Large crowds, good singing, powerful preaching and decisions made for Christ. A good preparation for response in the local crusade the next week.

During the Central Crusade we had the unexpected blessing of directing the work of Highland Youth Choir. They gave out Gospels, publicized VBS, worked in a mission VBS, sang at rest homes and the Central Crusade. All this with a spirit that said "I'm dedicated to Christ".

The Youth Choirs from Mississippi Churches — First Yazoo City, First Greenville, Highland and Van Winkle — were a mighty force for Christ. We give thanks for leaders that make up churches which produce youth such as these; and for the dedicated spirit that causes them to share with us.

On Saturday, July 19, the Van Winkle bus arrived with 25 youth and leaders. They "camped" in our church building, completely staffed our VBS, sang in the services, witnessed to all they came in contact with and ministered four times in rest homes. Only "dedicated" people could have survived this week! Only the power of God could have overcome obstacles and made this week such a success.

## Ohio Youths Minister To Migrants

With "Project Amigos" as their rallying cry, 45 high school and college students from the Greater Dayton Baptist Association of Dayton, Ohio, spent a week working with migrants in Celina, Ohio. The young people, who financed their own project, conducted Bible school for children 4-8 and revivals for 12-year olds and up. Their ministry was to Mexican-Americans. The students gathered three times daily for periods of prayer (above photo) before they went to the six migrant camps that included 140 families. Besides prayer services, the students had regular Bible study periods led by an Ohio minister. — (Home Board Photo)



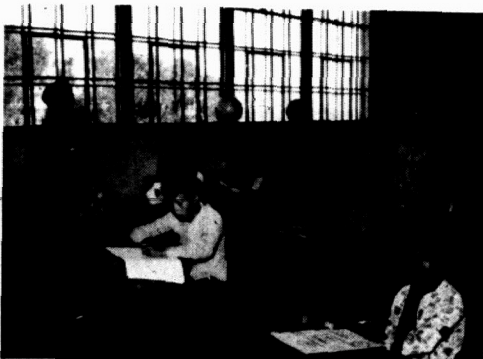
Mrs. Bill Brown, former Mississippian, with Anglo and Indian children in V. B. S. at the First Baptist Church, Devils Lake, North Dakota.



Class of Mrs. Brown in V. B. S.



Scene of total V. B. S. at Ft. Totten Indian Reservation near Devils Lake. This was the second school on the reservation.



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Long teaching in V. B. S. at Devils Lake. They were Home Mission Board missionaries. He served as interim pastor of the church this past summer.



Cheryl Parker and Donnie Cason, summer student missionaries, work with Tokio V. B. S. Miss Parker is from Pass Christian, Mississippi. Mr. Cason is from North Carolina.



Connie Skelton and Mary Harvell, both sponsored by Mississippi, at work on Tokio V. B. S. (All photos by Bill Brown.)

## Three Mississippians

# Students Help In North Dakota Indian VBS

Thirty-one Indian children were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School held at Tokio on the Ft. Totten Indian Reservation in North Dakota for a full two weeks. Three summer student missionaries from Mississippi and two from North Carolina's Wingate College composed the team. A church bus was borrowed from the Faith Baptist Church in Grand Forks with the First Baptist Church, Devils Lake, the sponsoring church.

The school this year was one week longer than last. The people of the Devils Lake church are praying that the promised help of the Home Mission Board to begin work on the res-

ervation will mean that a more regular work can be accomplished. The promise of financial help just given means the second Indian work by Southern Baptists in North Dakota. The first was begun only last year on the Standing Rock Reservation South of Mandan with the pastor of the Baptist Temple in Mandan also serving there.

Mary Harvel, Connie Skelton and Cheryl Parker were the Mississippi members of the V.B.S. team. The work in North Dakota is a part of the new Northern Plains Baptist Convention.

## State Natives Help North Dakota Work

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, formerly from Mississippi, are doing all that they can to forward the work of Christ in the pioneer state of North Dakota in their work as members of the First Baptist Church, Devils Lake. Mr. Brown serves as a trustee of the congregation and in other areas. Mrs. Brown serves as a Sun-

day school teacher and in other areas of work.

Bill works with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Fort Totten Indian Reservation. Before going to Ft. Totten he was stationed at Zuni, New Mexico.

Mrs. Brown worked this summer with the student summer missionar-

ies, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Long, who served as interim pastor and wife of the First Baptist Church. In addition she worked with the Vacation Bible School student traveling squad who held a successful V.B.S. at Tokio on the Ft. Totten reservation. The school this year lasted for two weeks instead of the one week last year. Three of the five students were from Mississippi.

The Browns are one example of meaningful help in churches in the Pioneer states of the Southern Baptist Convention. They have identified with people of the area and are working hard to expand the work of Christ. Mrs. Brown had experience herself as a former student summer missionary.

Devils Lake gets its name from an Indian battle experience. Two tribes were about to do battle in the center of the large salt water lake nearby when a storm came up to destroy both war parties. The Indians then gave it the name which translated into English means Devils Lake.

The First Baptist Church was begun

as a mission of the Faith Baptist Church, Grand Forks about ten years ago. Rev. Kenneth Gaskin was pastor for the last nine years. He resigned at the beginning of the summer to move to Arizona.

Present plans call for work to begin on the Ft. Totten Reservation with help from the Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board. In addition, a mission outreach plan to nearby communities has been approved with help from the Pioneer Missions Department, HMB.

There is room for the outreach program since it is 52 miles east to the nearest Southern Baptist Church and 130 miles west. There are no other Southern Baptist Church on a north-south line in the entire state.

The greatest physical need of the church at the moment is for a pasteurium. Their first unit building and land is paid for. A good mission project for an established church would be to provide a pasturium for this church by making the monthly payments or by the direct gift of the entire amount needed.

# Mississippi College Students Busy In Off-Campus Ministry

Mississippi College students, participating in the Baptist Student Union program on campus, minister to nursing homes, hospitals, jails, rescue

missions, and churches. The off-campus ministry also includes a ministry to the dead and tutoring service to Children's Village personnel.

Ralph Bethea of Memphis, Tenn., is coordinator of the entire off-campus program.

There are Action Teams. This is a group—usually composed of four—that goes out to conduct worship services in various churches in Mississippi. The teams involve students who preach, lead singing, sing solos, give testimonies and play the piano or organ.

This semester there are 135 students signed up to participate in the Action Team program. Hardly a Sunday goes by that several of the teams are not in demand to fill state pulpits. Ed Causey of Gloster is in charge of assignments.

Another segment of the off-campus ministry is the Mission Action Groups. These involve approximately 170 students. The groups may vary in size and attendance, however, as no one person can serve in more than one group. Each group serves its assigned mission spot one day a week, meaning there is a group in "action" nearly every day of the week.

Among the mission spots are three nursing homes — the Old Ladies Home and Mississippi Nursing Home in Jackson and the Old Mens' Nurs-

ing Home in Clinton. Helen Whitten of Madrid, Spain is in charge of this mission activity.

Dianna Chiles of Memphis, Tenn., and Brenda Taylor of Jackson lead a group to the Hospital School for Cerebral Palsy each week. Students teach and entertain the Cerebral Palsy children. Enrollment in this mission effort is larger than the rest.

Twenty-four collegians give three afternoons a week from 3:45 until 5:15 p.m. at the Baptist Children's Village. They offer tutoring service for the children, while three of the boys serve as basketball and baseball coaches. Beverly Welch of Bogalusa, La., organizes this group.

Still another mission group is the one that visits School for the Deaf in Jackson one day each week. As part of their training for this mission endeavor, they attend a sign language class every Monday night so that they might serve more effectively. Grace Quarles of Jackson and Billy Garrett of Harrisville spearhead this group.

There are also groups that give devotionals at the Helping Hand Rescue Mission, Gateway Rescue Mission, and the Jackson City Jail.

In order to remain organized, to share ideas, and to receive the greatest spiritual profit from these various

trips, the individual groups meet to themselves once a month.

## Training Conferences For Youth, 1970

NASHVILLE — Church training leadership weeks at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assemblies for 1970 will feature special conferences for youth on leadership.

Registration will be limited to 10 youth plus sponsors from each church. A total of 376 youth at Glorieta and 466 at Ridgecrest will be registered. Sponsors must accompany the group in a ratio of one man for each five boys and one woman for each five girls. The church must specify youth leadership conference when requesting reservations.

Leaders or potential youth leaders, 15-17, of unions, classes or other office and committee positions will participate in the study of leadership roles through a variety of methods including laboratory.

Conferences also will be provided for youth, 12-17, who attend a church training leadership conference with a parent.

Youth leadership conference will be on June 7-13 and 14-20 at Glorieta and July 9-15 and 16-22 at Ridgecrest.

## Grandfather

(NOTE: The following poem was written by thirteen year old Beverly Gordon in memory of her grandfather, Purvis Grice, who passed away last Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Grice was a faithful member and deacon at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Jones County.)

The beauty of the ocean  
The whiteness of the snow  
The hotness of the summer  
No more shall he know.

I miss him, oh, so greatly  
But I also know  
He has gone to a land  
That some will never know.

He was a jolly man  
Whose hair was white as snow  
He was a handsome man  
Though he had grown quite old.

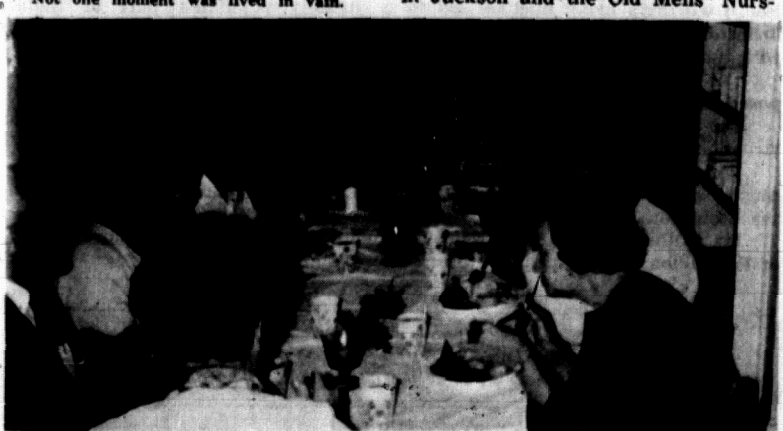
There will never be another  
To take his place on earth  
And I look forward to  
The time we will meet again.

In death's cold dark shadow  
He now lies forevermore  
Though I know his soul  
Has gone to be with God.

I loved him, oh, so greatly  
But he's better off I know  
Without the earthly sorrows  
That we all undergo.

It was in the fall  
When he passed away  
On a very lovely  
Thanksgiving Day.

He breathed his last breath  
With only a moment of pain  
But throughout his whole life  
Not one moment was lived in vain.



## Pheba Girls Entertain Senior Citizens

The Intermediate GAs of Pheba Church sponsored a Senior Citizens' Banquet on November 26, in appreciation for all these older people have done for them. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Todd of Pheba were honored as the oldest couple present. Mrs. Marie Sims of West Point donated the decorations and helped to decorate. The girls' mothers helped to cook the meal. Mrs. Jessie Kate Davidson is the Intermediate GA leader. Linda Sims, secretary, reports that they served turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, tea, and a variety of pies. The girls served the tables in old-fashioned, long dresses.



## East Moss Point Choir Sings "Purpose"

The Youth Choir of East Moss Point Church is shown presenting "Purpose," a contemporary folk musical, at Temple Church, for the Jackson County Association Youth Rally. They also presented it at East Moss Point and First, Moss Point for the District Y-Teens Meeting. The instrumentalists, consisting of two flutists, pianists, drummer, and guitarist are not pictured. The pastor of East Moss Point is Rev. Paul H. Leber. James Hess, associate to the pastor, is director of the group.





# WMU State Mission Week of Prayer Offering Reaches \$81,354.20

The gifts to State Missions Week of Prayer (Margaret Lackey) are listed as received through November 30 with 315 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$81,354.20.

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MORGANTOWN 11.50	MT MORE 40.46	MCARTHUR 2.79	ALNUT GROVE 86.50		LONGVIEW 45.05	
STANTON 5.00	NEW HOPE 40.25	ORANGE GROVE 10.00	TOTAL 638.20		MIDWAY 36.50	
WASHINGTON 150.30	ORA 56.25	RED CREEK UNION 8.75			TOXISH 5.00	
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## Sunday School

High Twenty-Five Churches  
In Category 17 Awards

CHURCH	1968-69	1967-68
1 Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson	235	191
2 Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson	191	145
3 Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson	145	100
4 Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson	100	65
5 West Jackson Street Baptist Church, Tupelo	65	30
6 First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg	30	15
7 Highland Baptist Church, Meridian	15	10
8 First Baptist Church, Pascagoula	10	5
9 State Boulevard Baptist Church, Jackson	5	0
10 First Baptist Church, Corinth	0	0
11 Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo	0	0
12 First Baptist Church, Starkville	0	0
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## Springdale Church Of Attala County Demonstrates Results Of Good Stewardship

During the early part of 1968 the Springdale Church of Attala County was without a pastor. They had been cooperating with another church in the association, using a pastor half-time. The other church was furnishing the pastorate. They were not readily successful in agreeing with the other church on a new pastor. They felt that the time had come that they could go full-time and call a pastor of their own.

At the suggestion of the Superintendent of Missions they observed a Loyalty Sunday when all agreed to bring in a tithe for the week. The results of this convinced them that they could support a full-time program. About October 1, 1968 they had a pastor, Rev. Robert Huffman, to move on the field. Their letter to the annual association revealed the following: 134% increase in total receipts, 124% increase in mission gifts, 22 additions to the church including 12 baptisms, 25% increase in Sunday school attendance, 70% increase in Training Union attendance, organized a Brotherhood, WMU, and

choir, built a brick parsonage, a utility house, and started work on a parking lot.

"Tithers Enrollment Week" was observed in the spring of 1968. This helped a great deal to improve the stewardship of these people. Springdale is a rural church about halfway between Kosciusko and West, on highway 19. The membership is made up of average income people, some relying on farm income and others on employment in industry at Kosciusko.

They had only 95 resident members and a total of 125, as of October, 1968. Their resident membership was only 74 when they entered this full-time program. Total receipts for this small congregation for the past association year were near \$13,000.

G. L. Myrick, clerk of this association, notes that this church was considering closing 20 years ago when an associational missions program was started. The first missionary served as pastor until they felt they could call their own. "We hope this record will encourage other churches to launch out on faith," he concludes.

## Equipment Donated For India Hospital

A gift of hospital furniture to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will help bring medical aid to a densely populated part of India. Johnston-Willis Hospital, in Richmond, Va., has given the Board 122 beds with matching chairs and dressers.

The furniture will be shipped to Bangalore, India, and stored until a proposed Baptist hospital is built.

Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Board, says construction on the hospital should begin early in 1970.

When Johnston-Willis Hospital first contacted the Board about the equipment, Dr. Ralph C. Bethea, Southern Baptist missionary to India, was in the States on furlough and in Richmond.

Dr. Bethea has been treating outpatients in a clinic in Bangalore, a city of 1 1/2 million people in the state of Mysore, since 1966.

## Brotherhood

### Special Notice

All pastors, church Brotherhood Directors, and members of the Brotherhood Planning Council please take notice that there will be no special Baptist Men's Day packets mailed this year (according to the agreement reached at the State Brotherhood Secretaries' Meeting about one year ago). The materials that would have ordinarily come into the makeup of such a packet is included in the 1968-70 BROTHERHOOD HANDBOOK, pages 51-57.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

## Between The Testaments

By Clifton J. Allen

Psalms 1; 119:1-16; Luke 1:37 to 2:3  
From Malachi to Matthew, for many people, is like a blank page. They assume that nothing happened for four hundred years. How untrue to the facts! Between the time of Malachi and Matthew, a great deal happened; and some knowledge of the events and movements is essential to understanding the religious and cultural situation in which Christianity had its beginning. The story of God and his people continued from the Old Testament to the New Testament. We must turn to other sources of information both to supplement and to interpret what we find in the Bible. Apocryphal writings, secular history and literature, and, more recently, the Dead Sea Scrolls supply information which enriches our understanding of biblical material and of how God prepared the way for the coming of Christ.



### The Lesson Explained

#### World Events

Some of the major movements in world history took place in the time between the Testaments. Political developments and the succession of empires affected the life and destiny of the people of God. Consider some important developments. Following the time of Nehemiah, Judea was under Persian rule until Alexander the Great became ruler of the civilized world about 332 B.C. A struggle for power followed his death in 323 B.C., and for a time Palestine was largely under the control of Egypt. Hellenistic culture dominated the near eastern world and strongly influenced life in Palestine. About 200 B.C. Judea was annexed to Syria under the power of Antiochus, who sought to stamp out Judaism completely. Through the Maccabean revolt, and at the price of terrible sacrifices, the Jews achieved independence from 142 B.C. to 63 B.C. when Pompey, the Roman emperor, captured Jerusalem. Later, Rome appointed Herod the Great to be king of Judea, who was still reigning when Jesus was born. What happened in those turbulent centuries was a part of the whole context for the coming of the Son of man.

#### Religious Developments

To maintain identity and existence, the Jews developed increasingly into a compact community built around their religious heritage and sustained by religious motifs. Beginning largely with the influence of Ezra, the Jews placed increasing emphasis on the law (that is, the requirements of Mosaic teaching) on sabbath observance, on Temple sacrifices and ceremonies, and on religious instruction through the synagogue. On the part of many people, there was almost fanatical zeal for the law. External conformity to rules and regulations often took the place of ethical practice and spiritual faith. This was a time when religious parties developed, particularly the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Pharisees placed so much emphasis on keeping the requirements of the law that a professional class of scribes grew up to interpret the regulations. The Sadducees, strongly po-

litical in concern, largely controlled the priesthood and the Temple services. Another religious development related to interest in writing, editing, and collecting the sacred writings. Much of the final editing and collecting of the Old Testament Scriptures seems to have taken place during this period. Apocryphal books were written. Wisdom literature and apocalyptic literature had marked bearing on the religious life, and some of this literature became a part of the Old Testament. Increasingly, the messianic hope, though poorly understood in terms of its later fulfillment in Jesus Christ, became the center of Jewish faith.

### Devotion To The Law

Psalms 119:1-8

While the "Law" came to be a special term referring to the Pentateuch, as a major section of the Hebrew Scriptures, the psalmist here likely is thinking, not just of the Ten Commandments or just of the Pentateuch, but of the divine teaching which was the revelation of God's will for his people.

The many words used as synonyms of the law emphasized various approaches and varied meanings: It is something prescribed by God; it is a communication from God to man; it is a guide for life; it is a pattern for conduct or behavior; it is a revelation of truth; it is a commandment to be obeyed. The psalmist here magnifies the blessings of obedience, the goodness of character which results from respect for God's commandments, the strength of purpose required for keeping God's statutes, the spiritual aspiration for understanding and keeping God's precepts, and the yearning for a sense of God's approval and God's help in walking in his way. The way of happiness, the way of strength, the way of integrity, and the way of usefulness are to be found in obedience to the law—not for the sake of the law but for the sake of serving God and doing his will on earth.

### Power of Rome

Luke 2:1-3

These brief verses recognize the fact that the life of Jesus on earth was lived under the power of Rome. Rome ruled the Mediterranean world. The power of the emperor was enforced as well as in all the parts of the Empire. A census for the purpose of taxing was made about 5 or 6 B.C. Others were made at regular intervals. Governors of provinces were appointed and controlled by Rome. Names of rulers appear in the New Testament and also in secular history, corroborating and explaining of New Testament facts. The power of Rome and the beginning of the New Testament era provided peace and encouraged trade and travel, a favorable setting for the spread of the Christian gospel. From all this we learn better how God works through individuals, through events, through empires, and through cultural systems to carry forward his purpose to save his people from their sins.

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## Promise Of A Perfect Sacrifice

By Bill Duncan  
Isaiah 53

For many people the study of the prophecy of the Old Testament is intriguing. To read what was written hundreds of years before, under the inspiration of God, reminds us that God can yet speak to His world today. Isaiah 53 is the highest form of prophecy found in the Old Testament. It is most likely the best known passage of prophecy among the laymen of our churches. This is God's promise of a propitiation for the remission of sins that are past and a declaration of the righteousness of God which is available through faith only.

Let us go back to Isaiah's day and age and read with those of his age. Who is the one who will play the role of the servant as described in Isaiah 53? Israel was certain to play the servant role in the fulfillment of her mission, but most of this passage refers to an individual, not a nation. Was the servant to be an individual that would live currently with Isaiah?

"The passage presents a new thought," according to Gilbert L. Guffin, "that is, the innocent suffering vicariously for the guilty." Israel as a nation suffered, but it was for her own sin. Therefore, it is right to suggest that the Suffering Servant set forth in the passage is the promised one—Messiah—that found fulfillment in Jesus Christ. As one reads the Gospel account he can see the death of Jesus Christ as the death of the Suffering Servant. The promise to Israel was fulfilled, but many refused to accept the true interpretation of Isaiah 53 and rejected Jesus as the promised one to make a perfect sacrifice.

### The Rejection of His Humiliation

Isa. 53:1-3

From the beginning there was a big question on the part of Isaiah as who would believe what he was to promise. The reason is that the people do not understand the greatness of the power of God to accomplish what he has revealed through the prophets.

The origin of the servant is one that compares to Jesus Christ.

It was unusual for a sprout to come from a dry plot of land but then it grew unspectacularly and quietly as a tender young plant. The condition under which Jesus grew offered no promise of fame except it was "before him." God's unusual attention centered upon him.

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He was just an ordinary man in appearance.

He was subject unto the improper attitudes of men. "He was despised, rejected, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. The pain and sorrow speak of his vicarious suffering for our redemption. The degree of suffering and the appearance of sorrow is enough to cause men not to want to look upon him. "He was despised, and we did not give him a thought."

### Vicarious Suffering

53:4-6

The one described is suffering for others. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." These are lines that will not die because they are God breathed. They judge us and yet they speak of the righteousness of God in his attitude toward sinful mankind. Consider the lines that describe vicarious suffering. "Borne our griefs, carried our sorrows, wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, with his stripes we are healed. The Lord hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all."

I like the conclusion of Guffin about the Suffering Servant's vicarious life and death. (1) It was voluntary, (2) "The suffering was in obedience to the Lord. (3) The suffering was for us all. (4) The suffering was mediatorial: that is to the power of effecting peace and reconciliation."

Why? "All we like sheep have gone astray and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

### Death

Isa. 53:7-9

Everyone is amazed at the idea that one died for all. He died after being condemned without a spoken word of defense. "He opened not his mouth." No cry of injustice or pain was heard. Every word of Jesus from the garden to death itself is a testimony of patience and self-restraint in the midst of suffering. "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter." The Lamb of God was without blemish and spot, 1 Peter 1:19.

"The prophet wondered who among his own people had given the slightest thought as to the reason for the

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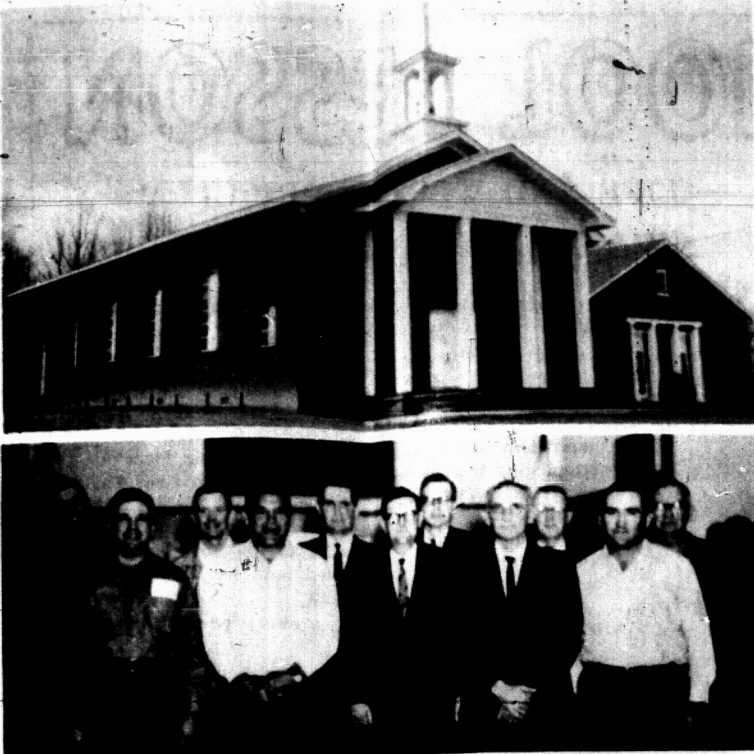
### Applegate Appreciation Day

SUNDAY, November 23, was the 15th anniversary of Dr. D. C. Applegate's pastorate at First, Starkville. A surprise presentation was made in his honor, of a plaque, a book of letters of appreciation, and a love gift. From the left, are Arlis Anderson, who with his wife served as co-chairman of the event; Miss Sharon Applegate, who is Mississippi's Miss Hospitality; Mrs. Kate Applegate, and Dr. Applegate. The Arkansas native moved to Starkville from First Church, Seminole, Oklahoma. He has seen the Starkville budget grow to four times the amount it was when he came, has seen the membership grow steadily, and a new sanctuary and educational building completed. (Dr. Applegate, with a smile, mentioned at the evening service that in all the excitement someone had neglected to sign the check.)



### Tyertown "Drama-Tears" Entertain

THE TYERTOWN CHURCH group, the "Drama-Tears," entertained over 200 of their fellow-members as they enjoyed Fellowship Night at the Stewardship Emphasis Fellowship Dinner recently. Dr. Johnnie Brigran is the pastor. Shown in photo (left to right) are the men's quartet: Charles Pigott, Olson Stogner, Donald Pigott, David Grimsley, Minister of Music, and (center) Mrs. Tate Simmons.



### Gaston Church Eliminates Debts With Bountiful Thanks Offering

Harvest Supper, with a thanks offering, at Gaston Church, Prentiss County, November 28, was a success in "attendance, food, and offering."

### Rock Hill To Present 'Gifts Of The Wise Men'

Rock Hill Church, Rankin County, will present their annual Christmas program Saturday, December 20, at 6:30 p. m., on "The Gifts of the Wise Men." Choir and youth of the church will be in charge.

Community and neighboring churches are invited to attend the two-hour program. Rev. Russell H. Naron, is pastor.

### "Bell Tones" To Sing

The "Bell Tones," a fifty-member handbell choir under the direction of Bob Jones, music director of First Church, Gulfport, will present a program of Christmas music at the Oak Grove Church, Meridian, at 7:30 p. m. on Friday, December 12. The public is invited.

The world looks brighter from behind a smile.

Around 175 members and visitors enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal at 6 p. m. At the worship service that followed, a thanks offering was given, for debt elimination.

The sanctuary, top photo, was built in 1962 with \$20,000 indebtedness. Bonds were sold, the debt to be paid in ten years. But the church has grown, and a total of only \$1,450 was needed in order to make the church debt-free, three years early. After the offering was counted, Gene Gifford, chairman of the Finance Committee gave the report; the debt was paid, and \$3,700 was left over to go into a building fund for future needs at Gaston.

Bottom photo, left to right, are deacons and other church leaders: front row, Willie Hatfield, Hershel Hughes; Charles Calvert, treasurer, Burniss Morris, Nelson Worley; back row: Thoy Cox, Charles Garner, Rev. W. G. Dowdy, pastor; Gene Gifford, chairman, Finance Committee, Neal Thompson, Vance Jones.

Members of Gaston showered their pastor and his family with gifts and food at the end of the service. At Gaston they are saying, "To God be the glory. Great things He had done."

### Devotional

## Christmas Country

By Tom W. Dunlap, Pastor, First, Natchez

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11  
When do we get to Christmas? How much further to Christmas? What one sees from the threshold of his Christmas Country is his alone. My Christmas Country is forever that of the Baptist church in all of the church's Christmas activities in the middle days of December. There is a manager scene on the brown leaf-strewn lawn of the church, with a manger of rustic construction, made by the men of the church, a cardboard representation of Mary and Joseph, real straw and a light bulb in the manger to indicate the presence of the Living Christ Child.

There are carols sung on front lawns, on porches, and at windows of the rooms of the "shut-ins." Along with the singing of "Silent Night! Holy Night!" somehow for a while the night is Silent and Holy. Invitations are given the carolers to come in and share some of the Christmas confessions which are a definite part of Christmas Country.

In Christmas Country there is church music: Beginner Choirs, Primary Choirs, Junior Choirs, Chapel Choirs, and a combination of the Chapel Choir and the Adult Choir with guest soloists singing "The Messiah"—or there is the presentation of "Amahl and The Night Visitors." It all brings our hearts to the Spell of Christmas which says to us that CHRIST IS REAL AND ALIVE. We know again that Christ lives and makes intercession for us and our hearts are all warm again.

Christmas Country could not be real without the church worship service—Song-Prayer-Sermon at which time we express our adoration to the memory of the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger, and to the present, risen, living, reigning Lord sitting at the right hand of the Father upon the throne of God where four and twenty elders constantly sing "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of Hosts."

Fellowship with Christians within the organizations of the church at Christmas makes Christmas come alive and again my heart breathes the joy of singing again: "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth and good will towards all men!"

### MC Christmas String Concert December 11

The Mississippi College String Orchestra and Mississippi College String Extension Youth Orchestra will present the MC Christmas String Concert, conducted by associate professor, Allan Fuller, on Thursday evening December 11, at 8 p. m. in Aven Fine Arts Auditorium at Clinton.

The theme will be "Strings at Christmastide." The college orchestra will perform selections from the Baroque and contemporary play folk music and hymns. Both will combine to close the program with a medley of Christmas carols.

The public is invited. There will be no admission charge.

Always listen to the advice of others; it won't do you any harm, and it will make them feel better.

If the airplane is ever made fool-proof, as promised, it will be the only thing that is.



### Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Belcher celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, October 12 at their home at Walnut, Mississippi. Mrs. Belcher is a member of the Oakland Baptist Church, Rev. Edd McCafferty, pastor.

## Names In The News



MISS AURIS PENDER, former missionary to China, was speaker at the Chinese Thanksgiving Banquet sponsored by the Chinese Mission of First Church, Greenville. About 150 Chinese from the Greenville area were in attendance. Miss Pender's fluent use of the Chinese language was a happy surprise to the Chinese people.

Rev. Phil J. Walker has resigned the pastorate of Carmel Church, Monticello, Lawrence County, after a fruitful eight years as pastor, and is now living in retirement in the Carmel community in his new home. He invites his friends and co-workers to visit him. Also he is available for supply preaching for interim pastorate, and may be addressed at Route 1, Monticello 38854, or by phone at Monticello 567-7005.

### Ordained At Foxworth

Rev. Jody David Lightsey, who has accepted the pastorate of Antioch Church, Marion County, was ordained by First Church, Foxworth, on November 30.

Rev. Sam Creel, pastor of Cold Springs Church, Covington County, where Mr. Lightsey was licensed to preach, delivered the ordination message.

Rev. Troy Sheffield, Foxworth pastor, gave the charge to the church; and Rev. Ray Strebeck the charge to the candidate.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lightsey, Rev. Jody Lightsey is married to the former Deloris Ann Murphy. They have three children, Deloris, David, and Darren.

He is a graduate of Jones Junior College and William Carey College, and has taught school in Fayette and Sumner. He accepted a position at West Marion High School in 1968, where he is now teaching. He has served as summer youth worker at First Church, Foxworth.

Two representatives of Mississippi Baptist Hospital—Administrator Paul J. Fryer and Chaplain Gordon Shambarger—participated in a seminar in McComb, December 1. The seminar was held at Southwest General Hospital for ministers of all faiths and races and for physicians and hospital administrators. Mr. Shambarger said the purpose of the seminar was to "prepare the climate for organization of a volunteer chaplain service in this hospital and in others in south-west Mississippi."

Dr. Wayne H. Peterson, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California, has been named to appear in the fifth edition of the Directory of American Scholars in Part IV: Philosophy, Religion, and Law.

Rev. Wilmer Baker assumed duties on Sunday, December 7, as pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian.

### Hospital, Gilfoy Alumni To Meet

Mississippi Baptist Hospital and Gilfoy alumni are planning to hold a Christmas meeting, with a covered dish supper, on December 16 at 7:30 p. m., at Gilfoy School of Nursing. All alumni are invited, states Laverne Barnes, R. N., Mississippi Baptist Hospital alumni president.

## Off The Record

### The Revelation!

A recently ordained minister was explaining why he resigned from his first church.

"There were 34 girls, old maids and widows there—all eager to marry the pastor," he said.

"Well," his friend said, "you know there is safety in Numbers."

"Not for me," replied the minister. "I found safety in Exodus."

### Mystery Story

A writer added this note to his manuscript: "The characters in this story are purely fictional and bear no resemblance to any person living or dead."

It was sent back with the notation: "That's what's wrong with it."

JOHN LEWIS GAINER was ordained to the gospel ministry at Noxapater Church on November 9. Rev. W. B. Abel, pastor of Macedonia Church, brought the charge to the church and the candidate, and Rev. Leo Barker, pastor at Noxapater, preached the ordination sermon. John Lewis attended Clarke College and is now a senior at Mississippi State University. He is pastor of the Cedar Hill Church.

Nelson J. Crozier was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry by Pearson Church in Rankin Association. He has been called as pastor of Cooperville Church in Scott Association. Dr. W. L. Compere, President of Clarke College, brought the ordination message. The newly ordained pastor was licensed to preach by Pearson Church, July 31, 1966 and is the first man to be ordained to the ministry by this church since their first pastor 61 years ago. Rev. Arn L. Norsworthy is present pastor there.

Rev. W. J. Hughes, pastor of Faith Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota, and former Mississippian, was elected president of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention at its recent meeting in Billings, Montana. Much of the work in Eastern Baptist Association is due to his zeal. He set for himself the goal of one new mission a year. "Today the Calvary Church at Emerald, First Church, Devils Lake, Finley Church, Finley, North Dakota, the work at Hallock, Minnesota, and the East Grand Forks Chapel, East Grand Forks, Minn., attest the effectiveness of his meeting his goal for Christ."

Binford Watkins was licensed to the gospel ministry by Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland, on December 7. Born in Neshoba County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Watkins of Dixon, he is presently attending Mississippi College where he is a Junior. Mrs. Watkins is the former Bobbie Lofton of Leake County. They have one daughter, Cindy, age 7. Rev. Lynton Younger, his pastor recommends him for supply work. Contact him by phone 856-6108.

### Itawamba County Honors Missionary

Rev. A. Guy Graham, who since 1960 has served as superintendent of missions for Itawamba Association, has offered his resignation, effective June 1, 1970.



The Itawamba Association has experienced a greater amount of growth and increase in its missions endeavor for the past eleven years than any other association affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Through a resolution, Itawamba Association, meeting at Dorsey Church on October 14, 1969, expressed to Mr. Graham appreciation for his devotion and service to the association and county.

Harrisburg Church of Tupelo has set an enviable record of mission support through the Cooperative Program. From 1964 to 1968 they increased their Cooperative Program giving by 400 percent, from \$5,000 to \$20,000. During this same period of time they paid off \$100,000 of building indebtedness and now have \$44,000 in the building fund. They also added to their program of missions the salaries of two foreign missionary couples. Dr. Bob Hamblin, pastor, says that the church has used an annual stewardship campaign every year since 1944 and that this is essential to stewardship development. Each year for the past twelve years the church has subscribed their total budget in one day. This program is promoted



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suffering borne by the Servant of the Lord." (Isa. 53:8)

It is with harsh thoughts that the writer describes the death of the Servant. The death was truly one for a person who was an outcast of society, not one for a person who had lived a rich man prepared a place for him, him without honor he was still an ordinary person to the world. Although a rich man prepared a place for him it still lacked the appropriateness.

"It pleased the Lord" Isa. 53:10-12

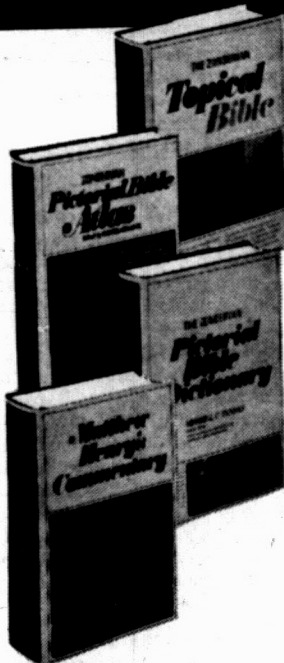
The death of the servant was no accident, but according to the plan of the ages. The purpose of God for the salvation was there fulfilled. The course was necessary for redemption from sin. The pleasure of the Lord will be in the spiritual seed that shall prosper in the hand of the Lord. The fruit of the travail is the turning of people unto him by faith as their Saviour. This shall bring forth the desired results and shall delight the Lord. The glorious consequences of his death is that he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

### Harrisburg Sets Record In Mission Support

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Dr. Hamblin further states that some of the keys to success are: (1) Have every organization in the church involved in the program. (2) Biblical stewardship preaching each Sunday morning and evening and at Wednesday night Prayer Meetings throughout the month of November. (3) Strong leadership among the laymen. He says that the annual stewardship program is the best lay movement in his church. All opposition to pledging has been overcome across the years.

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